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2 cases; 1903, 12 cases; 1904, no cases; 1905, 3 cases. Of this number 10 were imported by maritime routes, 7 by immigrants. Thirteen cases originated in Hamburg. One case was imported otherwise than by immigration. During the year 1905 1 case was imported, March 31, on the British steamship *Mandingo* from Sierra Leone and 1 on December 7 on the British steamship *Isle of Iona* from Valencia.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Report from Birmingham—Mortality—Infectious diseases.

Consul Halstead reports, January 24, as follows:

During the quarter ended December 31, 1906, 2,152 deaths were registered as compared with 2,200 in the fourth quarter of 1905, 2,509 in 1904 and 2,479 in 1903. The mortality rate was 15.8 per 1,000, which is the lowest on record for the fourth quarter. During the corresponding period of 1905 the mortality rate was 16.3 per 1,000.

Phthisis pulmonalis and other tubercular diseases caused 220 deaths, which is 35 below the average.

The mortality rate from the seven principal zymotic diseases was 1.60 per 1,000, as compared with 1.70 in the fourth quarter of the preceding year. The mean rate for the preceding five years was 2.10 per thousand. No case of smallpox was reported during the quarter. Sixty deaths from measles were registered. This disease was, however, much more prevalent than is indicated by the mortality. Fourteen deaths of scarlet fever were reported. The cases were generally distributed throughout the city, and in the great majority of them, no definite connection with a previous case could be traced. The number of cases of diphtheria reported was 348 as compared with 196 in the third quarter, 124 in the second quarter, and 149 in the first quarter. The total number of deaths during the quarter from this disease was 26. Seventy-one cases of enteric fever, with 20 deaths, were reported.

In this connection it may be stated that the system of house sewerage and the removal of refuse has been greatly improved.

There were 220 deaths from tubercular diseases, as compared with a similar number in the fourth quarter of 1905, and with 250 and 269, respectively, in the corresponding periods in 1904 and 1903. The deaths from phthisis pulmonalis numbered 179, being 18 below the average of the previous ten years, while those from other forms of tubercular diseases number 41, or 17 below the average of the preceding ten years.

INDIA.

Report from Calcutta—Transactions of service—Cholera, plague, and smallpox.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Eakins reports, January 17, as follows: Week ended January 12, 1907. Bill of health issued to the steamship *Sagami* bound for Boston and New York with a total crew of 44; to the steamship *Steinberger* bound for Philadelphia and New York with a total crew of 46, and to the steamship *British Monarch* bound for Boston and New York with a total crew of 31. The usual precautions were taken, holds fumigated, rat guards on wharf lines, and Lascar's effects disinfected.